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SUBJ: U.A.E. STUDENTS

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1. BIN KARAM'S CLAIMS PARA ONE REFTEL ARE INCORRECT. CONSULAR OFFICER NORMALLY REFUSES ISSUE A-2 REPEAT A-2 VISAS TO UAE STUDENTS WHO SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED F-1. POST DOES NOT REFUSE TO ISSUE F-1 VISAS TO QUALIFIED UAE STUDENTS. AWARE OF ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO HOLDER A-2 VISAS, SOME UAE STUDENTS HAVE ATTEMPTED INSIST ON OBTAINING A-2 VISAS; THEY HAVE BEEN REFUSED. UPON PRESENTATION VALID I-20, STUDENT IS ISSUED F-1. SUSPECT BIN KARAM HAS WIRES CROSSED.

2. IN RECENT CASE INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHOSE I-20'S FAILED ARRIVE PRIOR THEIR DEPARTURE, WE ISSUED A-2 VISAS TO THEM AS FAVOR MINED AND IN ORDER NOT TO PENALIZE THE STUDENT FOR INEFFICIENCY OF SCHOOL. (NOTE: WE BELIEVE FAULT LAY WITH SCHOOL NOT RPT NOT MINED HERE) IF SCHOOL FAILS PROVIDE I-20 ON TIMELY BASIS PERMITTING MINED FINANCED STUDENT ARRIVE PRIOR COMMENCEMENT REGISTRATION/CLASSES, WE WILLING BEND LITTLE AND GRANT A-2, BUT ONLY ON EMERGENCY BASIS.

3. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT IN CONVINCING BIN KARAM THAT U.A. E. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE F-1 VICE A-2, NICE TO KNOW WE DO NOT STAND ALONE IN OUR BATTLE WITH UAEG IN THIS MATTER.

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4. FYI: ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO EMBASSY SUBMITTED FOREIGN

OFFICE NOTE TO MINFORNAFFAIRS SUGGESTING THAT VALIDITY
OF VISAS FOR CITIZENS RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES BE EXTENDED
FROM PRESENT THREE MONTHS AND TWO ENTRIES TO MINIMUM
ONE YEAR AND MULTIPLE ENTRIES. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS
ADVISED US THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS WILL BE APPROVED.
THIS LIBERALIZATION OF VISA POLICY SHOULD ALLEVIATE
PROBLEMS.
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